

DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Raleigh--The newspaper boys around the Assembly had a get-together the other evening, and it was something in that we talked about everybody and everything in an off-the-record manner.

There was Bob Thompson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, Rep. Oscar Barker of Durham who used to do some editing of the Durham papers before he found out that money was in the law business rather than behind a typewriter.

Walter Debnam, the newscaster over WPTF, hasn't changed a bit in years. He was around the hotel room the other evening visiting by Lassiter, Ben, raised and baldheaded in Snow Hill.

Before a finance sub committee the other evening, Rep. Charlie Honeycutt of Sampson County said his bill outlawing beer and wine sales was endorsed by Democrats, Republicans, Methodists and Baptists.

How about the Presbyterians? Chairman Henry Dobson asked. "They're for it too," the Good-Time Charlie replied.

And how about the Episcopalians? Rep. Sam Worthington asked.

"They didn't say anything one way or the other," Charlie came back.

Rep. Wayland Spruill has the most cluttered up desk in the House. That's because he seldom goes to his seat, and everything that the pages leave thereon, together with mail, books and letters, stay right where they're put.

Pete Ellison runs the diner across the street from the hotel, and the other evening at supper time (dinner to you) an apparent tramp walked in for a cup of coffee. He evidently already had been in some other kind of cup or cups.

"What town is this?" he asked Pete. "Raleigh." "Is it a good town?" "Sure." "How long it been a good town?"

Pete had just about lost his patience, and in his Greek accent replied: "Dunt know, I wasn't born-in-here."

"Birmingham?" the visitor misunderstood. "Who you know in Birmingham?"

"Drink your coffee and get on out," Pete demanded. And the visitor went out mumbling something about folks nowadays not appreciating business.

The folks from Craven county gave a dinner, prepared at the Cary prison farm on Tuesday, for Sen. D. L. Ward. In charge was Rep. P. G. Hardison and Miss Gertrude Carraway of New Bern.

What amazed me most of all was the advertisement that Onslow County ham also would be served, and I didn't know whether to claim the ham as being from Onslow or not. Frankly, I hadn't seen a good cured Onslow County ham in months, and even told some of the fellows that it was good, however.

And when Miss Carraway came around serving some to Governor Cherry and Auditor George Ross Post, I asked if it really was an Onslow product, and she said it was. Cured, I asked, and she answered it was fresh. Then I wanted to know where she got it. But Gertrude, in addition to being a swell hostess, called her good newspaper to mind immediately and declined to disclose the source.

"I really forgot for the moment," she replied. "I just know where the place is on some side road, and drive right to it. I couldn't tell you the people's names right now."

This incident happened before the General Assembly convened, but the story has just leaked out. One day back in the fall of 1944, Carl Williamson, who is chairman of the State ABC board and who doesn't imbibe, was sitting in the outer office of Attorney General Harry McMullan, awaiting an audience.

It was late in the afternoon, and the girls had finished their work for the day, and were sitting around waiting for the 5 p.m. whistle. One of them was removing polish from her nails with that high-smelling stuff which definitely has an odoriferous alcoholic content. Another of the girls walked through the office, and the odor of the nail polish and its alcohol hit her in the nose. She walked into the hall, and motioned from there for the other girl to come out. She did, wanted to know what was up. "That man in there surely has been drinking heavily," she exclaimed, thinking the stuff was on Brother Williamson's breath.

W.S.C.S. MEETING The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet next Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church.

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Officials Appointed for Jacksonville Primary to Be Held April Third

Officials appointed by the Town Commissioners of the Town of Jacksonville, N. C. for holding the Primary for the nomination of candidates for the Municipal Offices in the Town of Jacksonville on April 3, 1945 are: First Ward: Meriweather Ferguson, Registrar; Reese Walters, Poll holder; Mrs. O. L. Russ, Poll holder; Place of registration: High School Gymnasium.

Second Ward: R. P. Hinton, Registrar; J. C. Thompson, Poll holder; George Buchanan, Poll holder; Place of registration: Hospital.

Third Ward: John Hembry, Registrar; Clyde Ellis, Poll holder; Alex King, Poll holder. Place of registration: Court House.

Fourth Ward: E. B. Smith, Registrar; G. A. Lockamy, Poll holder; R. R. Tallman, Poll holder. Place of registration: Smiths Store.

The registrars shall open the Municipal Registration books on the fourth Saturday preceding the primary and said registration books shall be closed on the second Saturday preceding the day of holding the primary, and challenges shall be made, heard, and determined during the week preceding the day for holding the primary.

The registration books will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Measure Before House Permits County Taxes On Additional Properties

A measure introduced in the House this week by Reps. Cohoon of Terrell, Whitfield of Pender, Arthur of Onslow, Peele of Washington and others would permit counties to collect taxes on property transferred by government agencies to private individuals after January 1 of any year.

The bill was introduced to meet a condition where publicly owned property is transferred after January 1, and no taxes are now collectible for that full year. The bill would apportion the taxes to be paid on a monthly basis.

For instance, if any property held by Camp Davis, Camp Lejeune or Farm Security Administration or any other governmental agency on January 1 is sold as of this date to a private citizen, Onslow County could collect taxes on it for the remainder of the year, if the measure passes the House and Senate. As the law now stands, the county could realize no taxes on the property until 1946.

Pvt. Freeman J. Bryant, Jacksonville, Wounded In European Theater

Pvt. Freeman J. Bryant of Jacksonville, son of Mrs. Mattie F. Bryant has been wounded in action according to a message received by Mrs. Bryant from the War Department.

He was in the European theater at the time he was wounded.

Brig. Gen. A. H. Noble, Camp Lejeune, Speaks to Jacksonville Kiwanians

Brig. Gen. Alfred H. Noble, Training Command, Camp Lejeune, Tuesday addressed the members of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the USO Pine Lodge.

Speaking on the subject, "Red Cross and Its Services," General Noble explained to those present the work of the American Red Cross in the field and the need of its services at the fighting fronts. An excellent speaker, General Noble's timely speech brought home forcibly the urgent need for every person to help support this worthy organization.

W. A. Lenthain, representative of the OPA from headquarters in Raleigh was present at the meeting and had been asked to speak to the members but declined jovially after hearing General Noble's address. "Everything has been said," he insisted, and added that he much preferred to listen than to speak.

Guests present included: K. L. Hamman, H. A. Ragsdale, Victor Venters and Lt. James E. Petteway.

Mrs. A. D. Leon Gray Appointed Chairman Of Easter Seal Drive

Announcement that Mrs. A. D. Leon Gray of Jacksonville, has accepted the chairmanship of the annual Easter seal sale for Onslow County was made recently by Mrs. E. J. Petteway, state chairman at Chapel Hill.

The Easter seal sale, which is put on annually to finance the program of the organization, is sponsored nationally by the National Society for Crippled Children every year during the month preceding Easter.

In accepting the chairmanship, Mrs. Gray stressed the importance of intensifying the efforts of voluntary organizations in the field of social welfare.

Others on the committee who will aid in the national seal sale are Mrs. J. E. Starling and Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, treasurer.

The program of collecting the physical defects of handicapped youth is admirably well into the overall plan for improving American physical fitness," Mrs. Gray said. "We can all do our part to support this splendid movement by buying Easter seals and using them on our postage."

James E. Petteway Of Jacksonville Receives Commission

James E. Petteway, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Petteway of Jacksonville, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army on March 1st in exercises at Camp Barkley, Texas where he has been in training for several months.

Currently home on a short leave, Petteway will report to Omaha, Nebraska a few days for further assignment.

Tomorrow Is Last Day For Listing of Taxes In Jacksonville

Notice has been given that tomorrow, March 10, is the last day for taxpayers in Jacksonville to list with the Tax Listers.

Pvt. John B. Albertson, Chinquapin, Reported Wounded In Europe

Pvt. John B. Albertson of Chinquapin has been wounded in action in the European theater, according to his wife received recently by his wife, Mrs. Mary F. Albertson, of Chinquapin.

Judge Stevens Hears 40 Criminal Cases

Jacksonville Honor Roll Is Announced For Fourth 6-Week Period

First Grade: Maxine Godwin, Carolyn Justice, Margaret Padrick, German Lanier, Eugene Rhodes, Sadie Horne, Nancy Ellington, Dianne Mattocks, Jessie Morton, Ann Morgan, Carl Beacham, Jr., Douglas Henry, Thomas Peele, Albert Hurst, Robert Traxick, Nancy Hartsfield, and Shelby Winberry.

Second Grade: Edward Daugherty, Jimmy Owle, Pauline Humphrey, Frankie Bush, Melville Harold, Pat Rochelle, Stephen Trachtenberg, Marlene Gould, Barbara Jean Hales, Barbara Marshall, Frances Poole, and Arland Wilkins.

Third Grade: Audrey Capps, Miriam Prescott, Lois Shepard, Annie Fay Wells, Alvin Padrick, George Stephano, Helen Aman, Pauline Kellum, Shirley Kellum, Annie Bert Walton, James Darden, Bobby Simpson, Jean Ervin, Nina Mae Kennedy, Patsy Langley, Betty McPhatter, Margaret Thompson, and Ann Kerry Warren.

Fourth Grade: Peggy Norton, Marie Taylor, John Drew Warlick, Imogene Aman, Elsie Coston, Raymond Howard, Jack Marcey, James Wallace, Sara Ann Arthur, Sylvia Hitch, Marie Kellum, Selma Stevens.

Fifth Grade: Annie Faye Marshall, Virginia Marshall, and Deane Mitchell.

Sixth Grade: Phyllis Meadows, and Patricia Ann Patten.

Seventh Grade: Rose Marie Dilworth.

Eighth Grade: Pearl Walton, and Roxie Hood.

Ninth Grade: Evelyn Bailey, and Zeta Morton.

Tenth Grade: Jackie Collins, and Alma Sabiston.

Eleventh Grade: Mona Chadwick, and Candace Hattell.

Red Cross Chairman Reports Slow Progress In Current Campaign

E. J. Petteway, chairman of the Onslow County Red Cross campaign has issued the following statement to the people of Onslow County: "The amount of contributions to American Red Cross in Onslow County, so far, is very disappointing. People generally, as well as workers and group leaders do not seem to realize that Red Cross has a heavier burden this year compared to any other period during the war. It will cost \$200,000, 000.00 or \$7.00 per second throughout 1945 to finance many services of mercy performed by the Red Cross. Among the many services that American Red Cross performs are as follows:

- 1. Red Cross Clubs. 2. Hospital Services. 3. Food packages for our prisoners of war. 4. Home Services which is a local trouble-shooter for the servicemen and their families. 5. Blood donor service which has brought thousands from the valley of shadow. 6. Volunteer service—their duties have multiplied since the war. 7. Foreign War Relief. 8. Disaster Relief. 9. Nursing service which helps to release the nurse shortage. 10. American Junior Red Cross—a beehive of eighteen and a half million.

To our knowledge Onslow County has never failed to reach its quota. This year our quota amounts to \$24,000 and unless people of the county give more generously than for the first few days of the War Fund Drive, we shall fall miserably in reaching the objective. The War Fund Drive campaign this year is not to be confused with the annual roll call drive during peace time since it is costing many millions of dollars more than during peace time. It is expected that campaign workers confidently ask for larger contributions and that the contributors give larger contributions. How many seconds of American Red Cross Relief will you finance?"

Cpl. Linwood Shehdan, Awarded Purple Heart For Wounds Suffered

Cpl. Linwood R. Shehdan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Shehdan of Raleigh has received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action in France.

Corporal Shehdan who recently returned to the States, saw action in four major battles while serving with the First and Third armies in England, Italy, France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

He returned to Fort Dix, N. J. Tuesday after having spent a twenty-one day furlough with his wife here. Mrs. Shehdan is the former Faye Tallman who for the past two years has been employed at Camp Lejeune at the U. S. Naval Hospital.

Pvt. Daniel W. Lanier, Beulaville, Reported Wounded in Europe

Pvt. Daniel W. Lanier of Beulaville has been reported wounded in action in Europe, according to news received by his mother, Mrs. Ida A. Lanier of Beulaville from the War Department.

Grand Jury Returns Eight True Bills to Judge Stevens

The Grand Jury Tuesday returned eight true bills to Judge Henry L. Stevens, presiding in this week's term of Superior Court.

The Jury, in a body, visited the Prison Camp and found everything in order. No suggestions for necessary improvements were submitted.

For the County Home, it was recommended that eight new chairs be purchased and the roof repaired.

The County Jail in Jacksonville was found to be in very evident need of extensive repairs if the building is to be continued to be used.

In examining the Jacksonville schools, the following suggestions were recommended: (a) the water faucets in rear of High School be removed as they are causing pools of stagnant water to form due to lack of proper drainage; (b) Addition...

Members of the Grand Jury for the March term of court were: C. M. Ervin, S. P. Venters, R. L. Parker, H. H. Cole, Carl Coston, J. Leroy Henderson, Raymond Phillips, A. W. Daugherty, W. H. Padgett, Jr., and Robert F. Scott.

J. Leroy Henderson acted as forman of the Jury.

American First and Third Armies Besiege Shrinking Germany

Paris—AP—Third Army troops on the middle Rhine close to Coblenz, and Americans of the First Army besieging Bonn, were less than 25 miles apart yesterday and making a supreme effort to slam shut a trap on five or six German divisions in the Eifel mountains.

Both armies had achieved breakthroughs and both were attacking under new blackouts which Gen. Eisenhower hoped would keep the foe ignorant of their movements.

There was reason to expect that the trap would close within a matter of hours, tearing off another 2,500 square miles of the shrinking Reich.

London—AP—Marshal Gregory Zhukov's massive new assault along the Oder, timed with the Allied drive to the Rhine in the West, has reached to within 29 miles of Berlin, a German military commentator said yesterday.

Heavy attacks are taking place at Niederwutzen, four miles south-west of Zehden in the loop of the Oder river, Col. Ernest Von Hammer said in a Berlin broadcast, and Russians have made two breaches in the defenses of fortress of Kuestrin to the southeast.

Leaders Named at Camp Lejeune for Red Cross Campaign

Camp Lejeune—The initial reports on the Camp Lejeune Red Cross War Fund drive are reported very satisfactory by Col. Robert H. Pepper, executive chairman of the drive.

Speaking of the drive, Colonel Pepper said: "All of us who stop to consider the many services of the Red Cross to servicemen and their families pay sincere tribute to this organization. Through its many branches it reaches out and helps the service man wherever he may be. Those men who have been overseas know that the Red Cross representative in the field is his closest link with home when things go wrong. Here at Lejeune many of you have had occasion to call on the Red Cross for advice and help. As one small example of the services rendered here the Red Cross made, in the year between January, 1944 and January, 1945, 1,729 loans amounting to \$45,337.

The cooperation of everyone, both military personnel and civilians, is urgently requested in the present drive for funds."

The campaign at the end of the first week of the drive finds the entire Camp organized for collections. Captain Alonzo Lloyd G-2 office, Building 22 has been designated camp treasurer, Red Cross War Fund, and will receive and receipt for all funds collected.

The following officers have been named to appoint representatives to conduct the campaigns in their respective commands and organizations: Brigadier General Alfred H. Noble, Marine Training Command; Captain J. R. White, Naval Hospital activities; Colonel A. W. Cackrell, Montford Point activities; Commander Nathaniel Fullford, Coast Guard; and Lt. Commander Gordon W. Battey, civilian employees and service personnel of the public works office.

Named to receive contributions from personnel attached to their respective activities are: Captain Peter C. Killeen, Midway Park; Lt. Nick Katzis, cleaner and cobbler shops; J. R. Carroll, First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.; Maj. Ellen J. Gill, Hostess House; Maj. J. R. Keppler, camp exchange (for civilian personnel); Lt. Luther L. Meadows, Officers Mess and BOQ (civilian personnel); and Captain Lawrence S. Dyer, camp communications office (for civilian personnel).

Camp Lejeune Marines Plan "Varsity" Baseball Nine This Season

Camp Lejeune—For the first time in the short history of this base, Camp Lejeune's Marines will field a representative "varsity" baseball nine this season.

In announcing the tentative plans, recreation department spokesmen admitted that transfers and rigors of full-time Marine training routines make the outlook highly unpredictable, but that a "squad would be formed."

Captain Robert M. Port, Camp Athletic Officer, is handling preliminary arrangements, and calls for candidates have gone out. Practice sessions are expected to begin shortly.

Richlands Honor Roll Given for First Half Of School Year

First Grade: Edward Lee Heath and George Likens.

Second Grade: Barbara Jean Brown, and Shirley Humphrey.

Third Grade: Anthony Poe Cox, Jerome Marshall, Christine Shaw, Patricia Allison, Malcolm Rhodes, Shirley Blizard, Louise Lovett, Sadie Jarman, Elsie Cavanaugh, Beverly Edgar, Barbara Jane Barbee, and Geraldine Hudler.

Fourth Grade: Doris Jones, Mary Dean Hill, and Johnie Reid.

Fifth Grade: Donald Blizard, Joyce Mills, Irene Taylor, Marie Hancock, John Hargett Thompson, Joyce Howard, Carl Rhodes, J. C. Howard, Marjorie Carback, Eddie Jones, Joyce Maready, Martha Ann Taylor, Avis Lee Whaley, and Jennie Baysden.

Sixth Grade: Evelyn Mills, Mary Jo Brown, Mary Louise Turner, Anne Barber, Joyce Shepard, Molly Davis, Gordon Taylor, Arlene Carter, Minnie Mercer, Julia Ward Stevens, and Dan Marshall.

Seventh Grade: Leona Frazzelle, Leatrieks King, Leone Manning, and Olive Ann Shaw.

Eighth Grade: Melbaline Baysen, Len Pittman, Jean Gurganus, Ester Howard, Gertrude Stevens, Aleda Hood, Bevan Taylor, Myrtle Horne, Carolyn Jarman, and Anne Nicholson.

Ninth Grade: Billy Cox, Siwey Fountain, Ralph Gurganus, Harvey Manning, Frauline Jarman, Sara Alma Taylor, and Mary Allison Huffman.

TVA's new Fontana dam in western North Carolina is the highest dam in eastern America, fourth highest in the world.

On Wednesday afternoon, Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr., presiding at the term of Superior Court which convened here last Monday morning, had heard forty criminal cases and virtually cleared the court calendar. Only fifteen cases were continued to future sessions.

One of the most prominent cases was that of Vance Washington, negro, who was tried for the murder of Henry Pringle which occurred last week. Pleading guilty to second degree murder, he received a sentence of not less than twenty five years nor more than thirty years in the State Penitentiary. He was represented by Attorney John D. Warlick upon appointment of the court.

Other cases which were called, were: James William Baxton: manslaughter, continued to Oct. 1945 term.

Hewitt E. (Buck) Smith: worthless check, continued to Oct. 1945 term.

Jack Wilder Frederer: driving drunk, in army.

Larry Green: embezzlement, continued to Oct. 1945 term.

J. C. Wilson: possession of non-tax paid whiskey and careless and reckless driving, nol pros with leave.

Jesse Owens, Frank White, and Francis White: breaking and entering, nol pros with leave.

Louis Parker: careless and reckless driving, continued for 1945 term.

A. L. Sasser: forcible trespass, 12 months on roads suspended for 5 years upon payment of costs and good behavior.

Julia Dixon: larceny, nol pros with leave.

Ernest Murdock: larceny of sugar, nol pros because of lack of jurisdiction.

Linwood B. Murray: driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs, license revoked for 12 months.

Bill Williams: driving drunk, continued to May 1945 term.

J. E. Kornegay: forgery, true bill continued to May 1945 term.

Ivey Williams: drunk and disorderly and possession of non-tax paid whiskey, 4 months on roads suspended for 2 years on payment of \$10 fine and costs and good behavior.

Herman Lawson: driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs, license revoked for 12 months.

David James: attempt to break and enter, nol pros with leave. Hosea Swinson: manufacturing whiskey, 18 months on roads. Leroy V. Johnson: bigamy, nol pros.

Lucy Battle: fornication and adultery, 4 months in woman's prison, copias to issue Monday, Mar. 12 at 12:00 noon and defendant committed if she be found in Onslow County.

J. T. Williams: fornication and adultery, 4 months on roads suspended for 2 years upon payment of costs and good behavior.

C. L. Dixon: driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs, license revoked for 12 months.

Leon J. Henderson: driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs.

Edward Ward vs. Edna Ward: divorce on grounds of 2 years separation.

Mary L. Schulte vs. Boblman: annulment of marriage.

Lawrence Moose, Eugene King, Gaston Smith: all continued under former order.

Richard Baxter: continued until March 1946 term.

Robert Crawford: continued until March 1946 term.

Lee Manning: continued under former order.

Lois Simmons: continued.

Wilbur McNeilly: continued.

Flossie Elizabeth Coley vs. Roy Clinton Coley: divorce on grounds of 2 years separation.

Judge Spicer: careless and reckless driving, driving drunk and hit and run, 6 months on roads and pay into the court the sum of \$200.

S. A. Ottaway: nol pros, closing up road.

C. N. Henderson: nol pros.

Dan T. Gonzallas: assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill, 2 years on roads suspended and placed on probation for 5 years upon payment of costs.

Dan T. Gonzallas: possession of non-tax paid whiskey, 2 years on roads suspended and placed on probation for 5 years upon payment of costs.

REAPPOINTED AUDITOR

J. J. Cole has been reappointed Onslow County Auditor for another year. The County Board of Commissioners reenacted his appointment at their last regular meeting. He has served in this capacity for the past seventeen years. The new term is effective April 1.

PROMOTED

Harris Leggett, husband of the former Virginia Henderson of Jacksonville, who has been serving in the Pacific for the past nine months, has recently been promoted to the grade of Private First Class.